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SUBJECT: Pre-Qualification of Tenderers for Lowlands Dyke Construction

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the following contractors be pre-qualified and invited to submit tenders for the City dyke and in-stream construction projects in 2002 to 2004.

- B & B Contracting Ltd.
- Chet Construction Ltd. / Terrasol
- Delta Aggregates Ltd.
- Double M. Excavating Ltd.
- GCL Contracting and Engineering Inc.
- Matcon Excavating Ltd.
- Mission Contracting Ltd.
- TAG Construction Ltd.

2. That the list be updated, by advertising for and evaluating new interested contractors in 2003 and 2004.

BACKGROUND

Council in 1999 approved a program to invite only pre-qualified contractors to bid on the lowlands dyke construction program. The purpose was to acquire experienced contractors that have high standard of workmanship and the capability of carrying out environmentally sensitive works. The list has been updated annually only with new qualified contractors.

The program has been a success, as reflected by the competitive bids, innovative construction approaches, minimal contractual claims, and timely with-in budget completions of the lowlands dyke projects. Surrey Lake Project is a recent example of the success of the pre-qualification list.

DISCUSSION

This year the City is starting a new list. The purpose is to seek qualified contractors and eliminate those who are no longer interested in the program or capable in doing the works. Contractors pre-qualified in the prior years were also required to resubmit their qualifications. We advertised on March 27, 2002, inviting Statement of Qualifications from contractors. A package outlining the projects and the skills necessary to complete the work was made available to the contractors.

The new list will be used for tendering the Serpentine - Nicomekl flood control dyke construction projects in early spring. This year, we are expanding the pre-qualified contractor list to cover in-stream works because these works are extremely similar to dyke construction in that they involve stream banks reinstatement, installation of structures, and placement of compact fill in environmentally sensitive areas. Also a majority of the contractors that bid on the City in-stream works have been among the pre-qualified contractor list for the dyke program.

As in the past, the list will be updated in 2003 and 2004 by advertising for any new contractor that wishes to be considered for inclusion on the pre-qualification list. This process is faster and less costly than re-doing the entire list every year.

EVALUATION

Statement of Qualifications from contractors were evaluated on the following categories:

- experience in dyke construction and in-stream work
- suitable equipment
- qualified personnel
- references from past projects

A number of criteria were identified and a scoring system utilized to rank each of the contractors. We have reviewed the scoring and are satisfied with the results. Out of 11 contractors who submitted Statement of Qualifications, 8 have met the criteria and are qualified to tender the upcoming dyke and in-stream projects.

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